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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed January 18, 2006, please enter the following amendments and remarks. The original deadline for reply to the office action fell on April 18, 2006. This paper is filed with a petition for a three month extension of time to reply. Accordingly, it is believed that this paper is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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